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SUBJECT: ENERGY: NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) SETS HEARING  
ON HYDRO-QUEBEC POWER EXPORT TO VERMONT

NEB ISSUED FOLLOWING NEWS RELEASE AUGUST 22:

THE NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT IT WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING STARTING OCTOBER 4 IN MONTREAL ON AN APPLICATION BY HYDRO-QUEBEC FOR A NEW LICENSE TO CONTINUE EXPORTING SMALL QUANTITIES OF POWER TO THREE CUSTOMERS IN VERMONT AND AN APPLICATION TO BUILD A 120 KILOVOLT POWER LINE FROM STANSTEAD IN QUEBEC TO DERBY LINE, VERMONT OVER A DISTANCE OF ABOUT ONE MILE.

THE LICENSE APPLIED FOR IS TO REPLACE TWO LICENSES ORIGINALLY ISSUED IN 1964 TO SOUTHERN CANADA POWER COMPANY, SINCE ANNEXED BY HYDRO-QUEBEC, AND WHICH, AFTER SEVERAL EXTENSIONS, ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE DECEMBER 31, 1977. THE LICENSES ALLOW THE EXPORT OF POWER TO THREE SMALL CUSTOMERS IN VERMONT: CITIZENS UTILITIES, VERMONT  
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ELECTRIC COOP AND UNION TWIST DRILL.

THE NEW POWER LINE PLANNED BY HYDRO-QUEBEC WOULD SERVE TO INCREASE THE TRANSFER CAPABILITY TO CITIZENS UTILITIES AND WOULD BE BUILT AT A COST OF ABOUT DOLS195,000.

THE LICENSE REQUESTED BY HYDRO-QUEBEC IS TO EXPORT A

MAXIMUM OF 35 MEGAWATTS OF FIRM POWER OVER A PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1980. A DEADLINE OF SEPTEMBER 23 HAS BEEN SET FOR THE FILING OF INTERVENTIONS. DUEMLING

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